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REVEALS THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITY IN THE PANHANDLE AREA OF LAOS:

1. HEAVY VEHICLE TRACKS EXTEND FROM THE SOUTHERN BANK OF THE XE KAMAN (RIVER) AT 1457N 10711E (UTM YB364542) TO 1452N 10711E (UTM YB363458); THEN GENERALLY SOUTHEAST TO 1449N 10716E (UTM YB452406); AND THEN GENERALLY SOUTH TO 1445N 10716E (UTM YB451328) WHERE THEY FORM A TURNING LOOP IMMEDIATELY NORTH OF THE DAK XOU (RIVER). THIS IS A FURTHER EXTENSION OF THE ROAD REPORTED IN REF A AND PROVIDES A TOTAL OF APPROXIMATELY 45 NM OF MOTORABLE ROAD SOUTH FROM LAOS ROUTE 165 AT CHAVANE AIRFIELD (1520N 1070E). ADDITIONAL CONSTRUCTION IS OBSERVED

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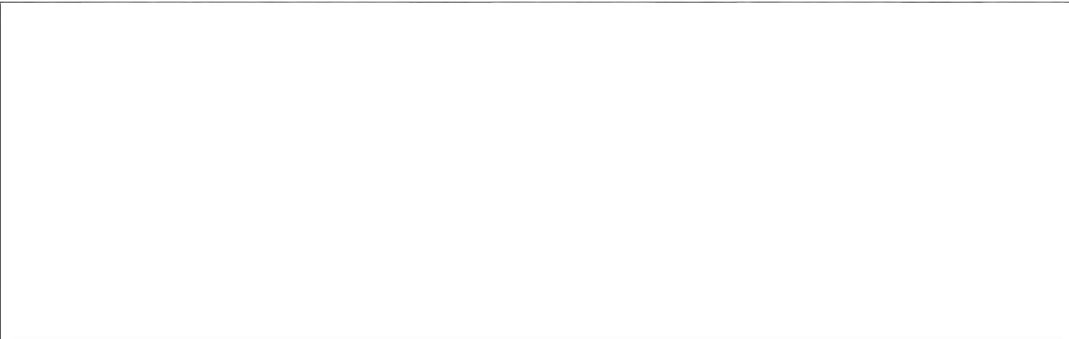
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SOUTH OF THE DAK XOU (RIVER) WITH CLEARING OPERATIONS EXTENDING TO 1439N 10721E (UTM YB538218). THE DAK XOU (RIVER) IS BEING CROSSED AT 1444N 10716E (UTM YB453316) AND 1445N 10716E (UTM YB457322) AND AT LEAST ONE VEHICLE HAS PROCEEDED SOUTH AS FAR AS 1443N 10717E (UTM YB475293).

2. A POSSIBLE MILITARY TRAINING AREA IS LOCATED IMMEDIATELY SOUTH OF THE ROUTE 964 & 165 INTERSECTION, APPROXIMATELY 1.7 NM WEST OF CHAVANE AIRFIELD AT 1520N 10702E (UTM YB185975). ONE LARGE REVETTED DEFENSE POSITION, 5 AW POSITIONS AND AT LEAST 16 FOXHOLES ARE CONCENTRATED IN THIS AREA. THESE POSITIONS HAVE NO APPARENT RELATION TO THE CHAVANE AIRFIELD DEFENSES REPORTED IN REF. B. NO BILLETING FACILITIES OR BIVOUAC AREAS ARE OBSERVED, HOWEVER A WELL USED TRAIL PROCEEDS APPROXIMATELY 1200 METERS NE TO THE FORMER VILLAGE SITE OF TIAM, WHERE ONE LARGE AND FOUR SMALL BUILDINGS ARE MAINTAINED IN GOOD REPAIR.

3. VEHICLE TRACKS EXTEND EAST FROM CHAVANE AIRFIELD ON ROUTE 165 APPROXIMATELY 8 NM TO 1520N 10711E (UTM YB352968). NO TRACKS EXISTED EAST OF THE VILLAGE OF DING AT 1519N 10707E (UTM YB 286952)



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